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AN ACCOUNT OF THE KENT DISPENSARY,

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TO THE POOR,

GRATIS.

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INTRODUCTION.

GREAT and evident as the Advantage of Diſpenſaries are to the indigent, in and near the metropolis; and liberal as the gentlemen who conduct them have been, in extending the limits of viſiting the patients at their own habitations, as far as the plan of the ſeveral inſtitutions would poſſibly admit: yet the Poor of the lower parts of *Rotherhithe* and *Camberwell* in *Surrey*, and the populous towns of *Deptford*, *Greenwich*, *Lewiſham*, and *Woolwich*, in *Kent*; containing at leaſt thirty thouſand inhabitants, (the greater part of whom are labouring mecha-

nics, or occupied in dangerous employments) long remained without the aſſiſtance ſuch excellent charities afford.

To remedy this inconvenience, the Kent Diſpenſary was inſtituted, to commence viſiting the Poor at their own habitations, at *Rotherhithe* and *Camberwell* Churches, (where the *Surrey* determines) and from thence through *Deptford*, *Greenwich*, *Lewiſham*, *Woolwich*, and as much more of the Hundred of *Blackheath* as at any future time might be thought proper.

Thoſe perſons who have an opportunity of hearing the applications of the Poor in any conſiderable place, of marking the nature of their complaints, and obſerving the effects, will find that giving money by no means enables them to get effectual relief in their diſeaſes. A few only have the happineſs to obtain proper aſſiſtance, while many apply the allowance to other purpoſes; and much the larger part fall a ſacrifice to ignorant venders of medicines, or the predacious ravage of daring Empirics whoſe baneful influence is ſo ſeverely felt in every part of this iſland.

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Afflicted with diſeaſe, perhaps borne down with the weight of a numerous family, how are the honeſt Poor to retrieve themſelves? Toil they cannot without health, and that wanting, where may they find the means to regain it?—Their dear-earned pittance ſcarce affords the neceſſaries of life. Humanity revolts at neglecting thoſe, from whoſe laborious exertions, every one in a ſuperior ſtation, derives all, or the greateſt part of his luxury and eaſe.

To relieve and protect the toiling hand of induſtry at all times, and more eſpecially when oppreſſed with ſickneſs, has ever been a principal object in all well regulated ſocieties, and particularly with this nation, whoſe boaſt and glory it is, not only to ſupport its former, but carry its charitable views to the invention of new eſtabliſhments; that as far as human foreſight can prevail, a remedy may be at hand for every misfortune, and unaſſiſted miſery find no corner to repine in.

In the ſeveral endeavours to effect theſe truly noble and patriotic purpoſes, without appearing to degrade ſtill lower the humble

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ſituation of the Poor, Diſpenſaries claim pre-eminent advantage over every other medical appointment. The eaſe by which patients obtain admiſſion, the little reſtraint on ſuch as are able to attend from following all, or ſome part of their daily occupations, being viſited at their own habitations, if their diſorders confine them, not being obliged to leave their families, and lie crowded together in ſick wards, or pariſh workhouſes, with others equally or worſe afflicted; where the general malady too often increaſes that of each patient, and renders it dangerous for any one to come near them. Poor women attended in their lying-in, and afterwards, if occaſion requires, and above all, preſerving to them in their ſeveral afflictions, the moſt deſirable of all conſolation, to remain with their families, or friends, whoſe tenderneſs no ſtranger, however humane, can poſſibly equal: are not theſe advantages of a moſt intereſting nature? And what but *Public Diſpenſaries* admit of ſuch extent and operation, conſiſtent with the accommodation to the Poor?

To ſuch as are alive to the feelings of humanity, what an extenſive enjoyment here preſents itſelf

itſelf, how ſmall the ſubſcription appears, when compared with what each benevolent ſubſcriber has daily in his power to procure for his poor afflicted neighbours? Can a ſum, not equal to a penny a day, be put in competition with the heart-felt ſatisfaction of doing ſo much good, or even of receiving the thanks of his poor diſeaſed fellow creatures, for giving them the means of alleviating their complaints, moſt likely a compleat cure. Here alſo is another matter well worth coſideration. Your liberality is not likely to be miſplaced, for who, amongſt the poor, will ſeek medical advice without needing it, or take the preparations but from neceſſity.

It is not the poor alone that receive the benefit of Diſpenſaries, and other public inſtitutions of the like nature; every order of the people participate. What but theſe, could have called forth into action, and crowned with ſuch diſtinguiſhed ſucceſs, the latent abilities and efforts of the medical gentlemen of this country? How few have private practice enough for the exerciſe of their talents, or

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opportunity ſufficient to draw aſide the veil of ages and detect the falſe attributes of many drugs? Where, but at theſe public charities, can medicine have ſo fair a trial, and its merits be ſubſtantially enquired into. Indebted to their influence, we no longer hear of Phyſicians or Surgeons ſent for from the continent; but find amongſt ourſelves, men of the moſt enlightened underſtanding and conſummate knowledge in the healing art; of equal, if not ſuperior, ability and experience to thoſe of any other nation on the earth.

In examining the ſeveral plans, hitherto offered to the public, to relieve the indigent in their diſeaſes; and by a natural conſequence to leſſen the enormous ſums annually applied for their maintenance, Public Diſpenſaries ſtand very conſpicuous; the common reaſon given by the poor for applying to their pariſhes for relief, is from ſome diſorder or accident having happened to themſelves or their families. Donations of money they more often pervert, than properly apply, and it is a melancholy reflexion, after recovering from their illneſs,

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and having felt the luxury of the allowance, in too many of them, the heart is compleatly altered, a general relaxation from labour enſues, and inrolled in the number of the indigent, they remain the reſt of their lives a part of the annual burthen of their neighbours. But theſe inſtitutions furniſh ſolid and effectual aid to the poor, without the means of debauch or miſapplication; the beſt of medical advice and drugs are quickly adminiſtered, and in a manner grateful to the feelings of the induſtrious part of them, who are ever deſirous to retain that natural and worthy pride, not being obliged to the pariſh. A principle that cannot be too warmly cheriſhed in them by their ſuperiors.

Among other circumſtances that recommend this Diſpenſary, the Phyſician and medical Gentlemen, have from the firſt inſtitution of it, and ſtill continue to give their advice and attendance from motives of humanity, and without and pecuniary recompence.

The limits for viſiting the poor at their own habitations, commence from *Rotherhithe* and *Camberwell Churches*, and extend through the towns of *Deptford*, *Greenwich*, *Lewiſham*, and

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Woolwich, in all which extenſive diſtrict, ſuch as are unable to come to the Diſpenſary, are attended by a Phyſician, Surgeons, or medical Aſſiſtants, according to the nature of their complaints.

The intention of this charity is to give aſſiſtance not only to the loweſt claſs of the people, but to poor houſekeepers, and others whoſe income will not enable them to pay for it.

To thoſe of a benevolent diſpoſition, little need be ſaid to excite them to contribute to its eſtabliſhment: the great and evident advantages that reſult to the poor and the public, will be a ſufficient recommendation to their attention and ſupport.

The ſubſcription was fixed by the Governors ſo low as One Guinea per annum, that all, who were deſirous of ſubſcribing, might have an opportunity of gratifying their feelings in promoting this Charity, not in the leaſt doubting of ſubſtantial ſupport, from the known character of the neighbourhood and country, and the humanity of a generous and diſcerning nation.

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Are received by the following Bankers,

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Meſſrs. WELCH, ROGERS, and OLDING, Freeman's-Court, Cornhill.

RANSOM, MORELAND, and HAMERSLEY, No. 57, Pall-Mall.

AYTON, BRASSEY, and Co. No. 71, Lombard-Street.

And by the Treaſurer, in Deptford.

ABSTRACT OF THE GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

I. THIS Charity to conſiſt of a Preſident, Vice-Preſidents, Treaſurer, Governors, and ſuch Officers and Servants as may, from time to time, be thought neceſſary.

II. Every perſon paying to the Treaſurer, Collector, or Banker, appointed to receive ſubſcriptions, any ſum not leſs than One Guinea, as an annual ſubſcription, is entitled to be a Governor from thence to the Twenty-ninth of September next coming, and every perſon paying Ten Guineas at one time to be a Governor for life.

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III. If any perſon at the time of payment ſhall be deſirous that the ſubſcription ſhall be taken for the year to commence the Twenty-ninth of September next following, the receipt for the ſame to be made accordingly. But ſuch perſon will not be a Governor, or have a right to ſend any patient, till that time.

IV. Each ſubſcriber of One Guinea per annum, is entitled, during payment, to have one patient on the medical or chirurgical liſt at a time, and one lying-in patient in the year. A ſubſcriber of Two Guineas per annum, two patients on the medical or chirurgical liſt at a time, and two lying-in patients in the year. In caſe of a greater ſubſcription, a proportionable number. Governors for life have the ſame right to ſend patients as an annual ſubſcriber of two guineas.

V. Upon payment of a Legacy or Donation of 50l. or upwards, the perſon appointed to pay the ſame to be a governor for life, and enjoy all the rights and privileges annexed thereto.

VI. Each Governor by ſending notice in writing

writing to the Diſpenſary, may appoint another Governor to ſign his letters of recommendation, and in like manner revoke the ſame at pleaſure.

VII. A general meeting of the Governors, ſhall be held on the laſt Thurſday in *January*, *April*, *July*, and *October*, every year, at which any ſeven or more may conſtitute a board.

VIII. The majority preſent at any general meeting or committee, are to determine all matters; if the numbers ſhall be equal, the Chairman to have the privilege of a caſting vote, and any perſon intereſted in the buſineſs under debate, ſhall not be entitled to vote.

IX. Regular entries ſhall be made in books to be kept for that purpoſe, of the proceedings at each general meeting and committee, and ſuch entries and all other papers neceſſary to be authenticated, as the act or order of any general meeting or committee, need be ſigned only by the Chairman and Secretary.

X. There ſhall be a meeting of the Governors in *June* every year, to dine together and celebrate

celebrate the inſtitution of this charity. Eight ſtewards appointed to conduct the buſineſs of the day, and then the ſtate of the charity prepared and printed for the uſe of the Governors.

XI. Fifteen Governors ſhall be choſen at the quarterly general meeting in *January* every year, out of the annual Subſcribers, who with the Governors for life, and medical officers of the charity, ſhall form a committee to be called *The Monthly Committee*, who are to meet at the Diſpenſary or elſewhere in their diſcretion, on the third Thurſday in every month, to conduct the affairs of this charity. Any three to form a board, whereof one to be of the choſen fifteen Governors, and upon every freſh appointment of ſuch committee, not more than ſeven of the laſt fifteen to remain, or any one of that number to be appointed above three years in ſucceſſion.

XII. It being of the utmoſt importance to the well conducting of the charity, that the ſeveral general rules and regulations from time to time eſtabliſhed, ſhould be rendered permanent, and not liable to ſudden or inconſiderate alteration,

alteration, addition, or repeal; It is therefore reſolved and ordered, no general rule or regulation already, or at any time hereafter made, ſhall be added to, altered, or repealed, or any new general rule made, or any ſalary increaſed or diminiſhed, or new ſalary allowed, or any ſum or ſums of money inveſted or to be inveſted in any Government ſtock, fund, or ſecurity, on account of this charity, ſold out or transferred, other than to new Truſtees, purſuant to the rule hereafter mentioned, or any new office created, unleſs on report of the monthly committee, and with the conſent of two general meetings.

XIII. The monthly committee being conſidered in the intervals of the general meetings, as the principal executive board, that committee is hereby impowered to take into conſideration all matters reſpecting the charity, and from time to time as the Governors aſſembled therein ſhall ſee neceſſary, to ſuſpend any officer or ſervant from the execution of his office, and appoint another to do the buſineſs, until the next general meeting, when ſuch officer or ſervant may be reſtored or diſcharged.

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XIV. The monthly committee may at any time in their diſcretion, elect an aſſiſtant to the apothecary and midwives, to each of the diſtricts of the charity, and diſcharge ſuch aſſiſtant, midwives, or any of them, whenever ſuch committee ſhall ſee occaſion. The aſſiſtant to be allowed a room at the Diſpenſary, and a ſalary not exceeding thirty pounds per annum. The midwives not more than three ſhillings for each delivery, and ſuch aſſiſtant and midwives to be ſubject to ſuch regulations that committee ſhall from time to time deem neceſſary.

XV. The monthly committee are to appoint houſe viſitors, (one or more to attend each day during the hours of buſineſs at the Diſpenſary) who are to examine and ſee the regulations of the charity are properly carried into execution, and report as occaſion may require to the treaſurer or committee.

XVI. At the quarterly general meeting in October every year, a medical committee ſhall be appointed out of the medical officers, who ſhall have authority to enquire into all matters

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reſpecting the medical department, inſpect the drugs and medicines, audit the bills for the ſame, and report as they ſee occaſion to a general meeting or the monthly committee; three to form a board, and they may elect any governor or other perſon, an honorary member of their committee.

XVII. Seven perſons ſhall be appointed at a general meeting every year, of whom, three to be medical officers, and the remaining four, governors for the time being, who ſhall conſtitute a committee for the management and direction of the purchaſe of all drugs and medicines uſed at the diſpenſary. Any three of them to form a board, one whereof to be a medical officer; and no governor (other than the officers before mentioned) of the profeſſion of ſurgeon and apothecary, or being a vender of drugs and medicines, ſhall be eligible to be appointed on ſuch committee, and if any member of the committee, ſhall at any time, by himſelf, ſervants, or agents, ſerve and ſupply any drugs or medicines for the uſe of the charity, the ſame ſhall be taken to be a diſqua-

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lification to ſit or vote there thenceforward, and the governors at a general meeting are to elect another on ſuch committee, inſtead of the perſon ſo diſqualified.

XVIII. At the quarterly general meeting in April every year, a committee of five governors ſhall be appointed to audit the bills and tradeſmen's accounts for the year commencing the 29th of September then next, of whom any three may form a board.

XIX. The preſident, vice-preſidents, and treaſurer, to be members of all committees.

XX. Three governors ſhall be elected at a general meeting, who with the treaſurer for the time being, ſhall be truſtees, and in their names, from time to time, inveſted all monies purchaſed in any government ſtock, fund, or ſecurity, on account of this charity, and whenever by the deceaſe, ſurrender, or non-reſidence of any of them within twenty miles of the Diſpenſary, their number ſhall be reduced to two. Two other truſtees ſhall be choſen out of the governors, at a general meeting, and all ſuch ſtocks,

ſunds, or ſecurities transferred or conveyed ſo, and in ſuch manner as the new and former truſtees may have a joint and equal truſt eſtate therein.

XXI. The monthly committee may at their diſcretion, from time to time, direct any part of the monies remaining in the treaſurer's hands to be inveſted in the purchaſe of government ſtocks, funds, or ſecurities, in the names of the truſtees for the time being, for the uſe of the charity.

XXII. If complaint ſhall be made to the treaſurer, or any two or more of the houſe viſitors, againſt any of the officers or ſervants, and ſuch treaſurer or houſe viſitor ſhall be of opinion the complaint is of ſufficient importance for the conſideration of the monthly committee; alſo in caſe of the ſickneſs or death of any of the officers or ſervants; the treaſurer, or any two or more of the houſe viſitors, may, in any of the caſes before mentioned, call a ſpecial meeting of the monthly committee, giving to, or leaving at the dwelling houſe of each of the choſen fifteen governors

governors, at leaſt on the day previous to ſuch intended meeting, a note in writing, ſigned or ſubſcribed by ſuch treaſurer, houſe viſitors, or the ſecretary for the time being, expreſſing the day, hour, and place of meeting, together with the name or names of ſuch officer or ſervant againſt whom ſuch complaint is made, or ſickneſs, or death, (as the caſe may be) which committee ſo aſſembled in the inveſtigation of ſuch or any other complaint againſt the perſon mentioned in the notice, or in appointing any new or other officer or ſervant, ſhall be competent to exerciſe every power veſted in them at the uſual or monthly meetings.

XXIII. The committees may, from time to time, reſpectively make rules for their own order, and alter the ſame, ſo as they be not contrary to the regulations of this charity, and adjourn at the option of any ſuch committee, and at any ſuch adjourned meeting may proſecute, reſolve, and act in any enquiry, matter or buſineſs commenced at ſome uſual or ſpecial meeting, as fully as ſuch committee or committees could or might have done at the original meeting,

meeting, when ſuch enquiry, matter or buſineſs was firſt agitated.

XXIV. The preſident, vice-preſidents, treaſurer, or either of them, or the majority preſent, at any meeting of the monthly committee, ſhall have power to call a general meeting of the governors at any time, giving notice thereof, expreſſing the occaſion of the meeting, ſigned by, or in the name of the perſon or perſons deſirous to call the ſame, or the ſecretary for the time being, by advertiſement in any two of the public daily papers, and ſo as ſuch meeting be not held ſooner than on that day ſeven-night the notice ſhall be publiſhed.

XXV. No officer or ſervant of this charity ſhall be diſcharged by the order of any general meeting, unleſs ſome complaint, or the ſubject reſpecting ſuch diſcharge be brought forward by report from the monthly committee, or referred from ſome general meeting.

XXVI. When any vacancy ſhall happen by the death or reſignation of any of the ſurgeons and medical aſſiſtants, a meeting of the monthly committee

committee ſhall be ſummoned, and ſuch committee may appoint a day and place for a general meeting of the governors, to fill up the ſame; within two days after the meeting of the committee, the ſecretary ſhall cauſe a letter to be written to ſuch gentlemen publicly practiſing phyſic and ſurgery within the diſtrict where the vacancy ſhall happen (as he ſhall have no direction from the committee) to inform them of the vacancy, time and place of election, and expected qualification.

XXVII. The following qualification is required of each candidate for the office of ſurgeon and medical aſſiſtant—Firſt, a diploma; ſecondly, certificates of having attended medical lectures from ſome public profeſſor or teacher of phyſic, or the uſual certificate for having paſſed examination as a ſurgeon in the navy or army. If any candidate ſhall apply ſo qualified, every other candidate not having ſuch qualification, ſhall be ineligible at the election; but if no candidate ſhall appear to have ſuch qualification, then the governors to proceed to elect any perſon as if this rule had not been made.

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XXVIII. In any future vacancy of an apothecary, the medical committee are to meet and examine the ſeveral candidates on a day to be appointed by the general meeting or committee which ſhall declare the vacancy. The day of election ſhall not be leſs than on the ſixth day after the examination, and each candidate is to be furniſhed with a copy of the report on the examination, or a liſt of the names contained therein, in the diſcretion of the medical committee. Any candidate whoſe name ſhall be mentioned in ſuch report or liſt, (but none other) ſhall be eligible at ſuch election: if only two candidates, the medical committee to report both names with their opinion.

XXIX. Any officer or ſervant, who ſhall be diſcharged by the order of a general meeting for any cauſe therein expreſſed, other than ſickneſs or bodily infirmity, ſhall not be then after eligible to any employment under this charity.

XXX. No election of any phyſician, ſurgeon, medical aſſiſtant, apothecary, ſecretary, or collector to this charity, ſhall be had until at leaſt fourteen days after the public declaration of a vacancy

a vacancy at a general meeting or the monthly committee, when the time and place of election, ſhall be fixed by ſuch meeting or committee; if more than one candidate appears, the election to be by ballot.

XXXI. Nobility, members of parliament, or ladies, governors of this charity, may by letter appoint another governor to vote for them at any election, which letter is to be left with the perſon who ſhall preſide there, or the ſecretary at the time of voting; and no perſon in his or her own right, or as proxy for any other, ſhall, at ſuch election, be entitled to vote, unleſs the ſubſcription of the perſon, in whoſe right ſuch vote is to be given, ſhall have been paid at leaſt on the day previous to the election.

XXXII. No ſervant of this charity is to preſume at any time to take of any tradeſmen, patient, ſervant, or others, any fee, reward or gratuity of any kind, directly or indirectly, for any ſervice done, or to be done on account of the diſpenſary, on pain of being immediately diſcharged.

XXXIII. In the courſe of payment of bills to any tradeſmen, officer, or ſervant, each bill

being approved by the majority preſent, at any meeting of the monthly committee, and the ſame, or any warrant, or order to the amount, being ſubſcribed by any three of the committee, and counterſigned by the ſecretary, ſhall be a ſufficient voucher to the treaſurer for payment thereof.

XXXIV. No venereal or lunatic caſe to be admitted, being the peculiar objects of other charities; nor any lying-in woman, but ſuch as are married, or widows pregnant by their late huſbands, nor any perſon entitled to aſſiſtance from the Infirmary, at the Royal Hoſpital, Greenwich; or the Surgeon of Deptford or Woolwich Yards; or being in any pariſh work-houſe. Every other perſon really neceſſitous, who brings a letter of recommendation from a governor, ſhall receive advice and medicines at the Diſpenſary, without regard to place of abode.

XXXV. In caſe of any recent accident the unfortunate perſon by ſending to the Diſpenſary, may, during that day and the day following, receive advice and medicines without a letter of recommendation; but ſuch perſon is within that time to procure one, agreeable to the uſual

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courſe of admittance, otherwiſe not to have further relief there.

XXXVI. Complaints reſpecting patients, or againſt any of the officers or ſervants of this charity, are to be made to the monthly committee, and during the intervals of meeting to the treaſurer or one of the houſe viſitors, who will rectify the ſame if in their power, otherwiſe refer them to the monthly committee.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

THE limits for viſiting patients at their own houſes, are to be divided into the following ſix diſtricts. Firſt, the two pariſhes of *Deptford*; Second, *Greenwich*; Third, *Woolwich* and *Charlton*; Fourth, *Lewiſham* and *Lee*; Fifth, from *Rotherhithe Church* to *Deptford*; and Sixth, from *Camberwell Church* to *Deptford*.

The phyſician is to attend at the Diſpenſary on *Tueſday* and *Friday* every week, to write for his own home-patients, and ſuperintend the

directions for the out-patients; alſo to viſit the other home-patients, at their reſpective habitations, when requeſted by any of the medical aſſiſtants; his pupils have liberty to attend with him, but in no caſe to preſcribe or perform any chirurgical operation. In caſe the phyſician cannot attend his particular home-patients, he is to acquaint the medical aſſiſtant of the diſtrict, who will viſit in his ſtead.

The ſurgeons and medical aſſiſtants are, within their reſpective diſtricts, to viſit the home-patients, whoſe diſorders confine them, and attend ſuch women after delivery who require medical advice. And the ſurgeons and medical aſſiſtants, at any time appointed for *Deptford*, are alſo to be houſe ſurgeons at the Diſpenſary, and attend there alternately every morning from nine till ten o'clock, or longer if neceſſary, to examine and order medicines for all thoſe who come under their care.

Their pupils have liberty to attend, but not to preſcribe or perform any operation, unleſs in the preſence of, and by the direction of one of the ſurgeons and medical aſſiſtants. When any capital

capital operation is to be performed, the approbation of the phyſician to be had, if practicable, and in all difficult chirurgical caſes, a conſultation of all the ſurgeons to be had therein.

The medical officer who ſhall attend any patient at the time the letter of recommendation ſhall expire, is impowered to continue his advice and aſſiſtance for ſeven days to ſuch patient, not having a freſh letter, if ſuch officer ſhall be of opinion the patient's ſituation requires it.

In caſe of the death or reſignation of any of the preſent medical officers, the department in future ſhall conſiſt only of one phyſician in general to the charity, and nine ſurgeons and medical aſſiſtants, who are to be reſident within their particular diſtricts, whereof two ſhall be appointed for *Deptford*, two for *Greenwich*, two for *Woolwich* and *Charlton*, one for *Lewiſham* and *Lee*, one for *Rotherhithe*, and one for *Camberwell*.

The apothecary is allowed a ſalary of ſixty pounds per annum, proper apartments, coals, and candles.

He is conſtantly to reſide at the Diſpenſary to compound

compound and diſpenſe the medicines preſcribed, and is not to undertake any other buſineſs than that of this charity.

He is to be careful of the furniture, apartments, drugs, medicines, and every thing belonging to the Diſpenſary, and not to waſte, ſpoil, or embezzle any of them, or ſuffer it to be done by others, that the apartments and committee room are always in order, and fit for the reception of the officers and committees.

He is to take eſpecial care that all drugs, medicines, medicinal preparations, and other articles, of which he will have a written copy, are kept in the ſhop in proper quantities and order.

He is not on any account to abſent himſelf from the houſe without leaving in the Diſpenſary a note in writing where he is to be met with on any emergency, nor one whole day or night, without leave firſt obtained from the preſident, vice-preſidents, treaſurer, monthly committee, or one of the houſe viſitors, in which caſe he ſhall provide another to do the buſineſs for him,

and

and that with the approbation of the perſon or perſons granting ſuch leave of abſence.

He is to examine the rights of letters of recommendation, and keep regular books with the regiſter of patients under cure, their time of admiſſion, by whom recommended, when diſcharged, and other particulars, according to the plans preſcribed, and alſo make out letters of thanks for the patients.

In caſe he is allowed an aſſiſtant, he is to viſit the home patients in ſuch caſes within ſuch diſtrict, and during ſuch hours, as the medical committee, with the approbation of the monthly committee, ſhall direct.

He is to attend all general meetings and committees, to anſwer ſuch queſtions as may be required from the chair.

He is to obſerve all ſuch other rules and regulations as he ſhall from time to time have in direction from any general meeting, or from the medical, jointly with the monthly committee.

The

The patients are to bring or ſend their letters of recommendation any day of the week, (Sundays excepted) from nine to ten o'clock in the morning. to be preſented to the houſe viſitors for admiſſion, and to receive advice.

Out-patients are to attend the ſurgeon and medical aſſiſtant who firſt received them under his care, on the days of his attendance, or as frequently as he ſhall think neceſſary.

If any patient ſhall neglect to attend the ſurgeon or medical aſſiſtant at the Diſpenſary for ten days, ſuch patient to be diſcharged.

The patients are to keep their letters of recommendation in covers, to preſerve them clean, and if not diſcharged within one month, they are to procure new letters.

They are to furniſh themſelves with phials, &c. neceſſary to contain their medicines, and to behave decently, ſoberly, and ſtrictly conform to ſuch rules as are given them, or be immediately diſmiſſed.

The

The home-patients in *Greenwich*, *Camberwell*, and *Rotherhithe*, ſhall ſend their letters of recommendation to the ſurgeon to whom the ſame is directed, on or before eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the day they are admitted, and in *Woolwich* and the other diſtricts before twelve, or they will not be attended that day.

When diſcharged they are to leave their letters of recommendation at the Diſpenſary, and receive letters of thanks to the Governors who recommend them, which they are immediately to deliver, or on neglect not to be admitted to any future benefit from this charity.

Patients whoſe diſorders require only a repetition of their medicines, are to ſend for them between the hours of four and eight in the afternoon.

No patient will be attended on board any ſhip or veſſel.

SECRETARY.

To be allowed a ſalary of thirty pounds per

 annum,

annum, for which he is to attend all general meetings and committees at the appointed hours, unleſs prevented by any unforeſeen accident, and then to ſend a ſufficient deputy.

He is to make all neceſſary entries and minutes of the proceedings at each general meeting and committee, in proper books provided for that purpoſe, keep the ſame accurate and methodical, and do ſuch other incidental buſineſs as the ſecretaries of ſimilar charities are accuſtomed to do.

COLLECTOR.

He is regularly to collect the ſubſcription monies as they become due, and to obſerve ſuch direction therein as he ſhall at any time receive from the treaſurer or monthly committee.

He is to pay the ſame when received into the hands of the treaſurer, and not at any time to retain 5ol. above three days.

He is to attend all general meetings, and the monthly committee, to anſwer ſuch queſtions as may be required from the chair.

He

He is to produce two or more ſureties to be approved by a general meeting or the monthly committee, who ſhall with him become bound in a bond for three hundred pounds, to pay to the treaſurer for the time being, all monies he ſhall receive on account of the charity, and faithfully to diſcharge the duties of this office.

To ſuch as are inclined to become benefactors by Will, the following form is recommended.

Item, *I give and bequeath unto* A. B. *and* C. D. *the ſum of*
to be raiſed and paid by, and out of, my perſonal eſtate and effects, which by law, I may, or can, charge with the payment thereof, upon truſt, and to the intent that they, or either of them, do pay the ſame to the Treaſurer (for the time being) of a charity, called, or known by the name of THE KENT DISPENSARY FOR RELIEF OF THE POOR, *inſtituted in Deptford, in the Year* 1783, *which ſaid ſum, I deſire may be applied towards carrying on the benevolent deſigns of the ſaid charity.*

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N. B. Giving Land, Money, or Stock, by Will, to be laid out in the purchaſe of any eſtate for charitable uſes, will be void by the Statute of Mortmain; but Money, or Stock, may be given by Will, without being directed to be laid out.

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